

# **TARC News**

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## **Denman Tower Work**



After about a 2 month delay do to the holidays, we are back at it, working on the Denman Tower project. We had a good turn out to help us mix cement and dig holes and to just support the activity.

We still have a ways to go. Attaching the new anchor point brackets that Paul Fee has made, and ordering the new guy wire, and getting a tower climber lined up. More fun to come.

Our main concern at this point is to keep the tower standing upright.

Orlando

HamCation

Feb, 10 to Feb 13

## January meeting

January 2022 meeting , my first as your new president, could have been better. We had a small turnout with the weather being rainy and cold, and issues with the Email I sent not going out as planned.

I brought up a lot of information for everyone to consider, and will go over it again for those that could not attend. Our focus should be, Member participation, Member building, and Education.

Denman Tower project is back underway and my immediate concern is to keep it from falling down.

Last year we talked about putting a remote radio at the site and that still could happen but probably not at the same time that we are putting up new guy wire.

I gave 2 presentations last year on different remote radio software, and also did a remote for the Mosquito Net from Nashville Tennessee. For 3 months I have had my own radio connected to the server for people to try, and have had only 3 people look at it and they were not the ones that might have a use for such

a thing. It still has some bugs so is not ready for prime time and to go to the expense and effort of putting up many antennas on the tower that no one is interested in seems a waste.

The 146.775 repeater that is currently at the Denman tower is nonfunctional and needs to be replaced, we have a new repeater ready to go but need new feed line and possibly a new antenna. This is our main concern as the only working repeater we have is the 146.97 on the Titusville towers, where we have very limited access and that repeater is showing signs of needing some work.

Our other repeater 146.91 (we have 3 total) is also nonfunctional and needs to be moved from the position it has now as the water tower is being taken down.

I suggested we move this to Roy and Stephanie Merit's place as they already have towers and offered their use. I got some push back from this as it was stated that we shouldn't put club assets on club members property. I fail to see the reason-

ing on this as it is the same situation as the Denman tower, but if I'm wrong I accept that and will do what the CLUB see's fit.

I will restate this:  
**This club does not belong to me, this club does not belong to Paul, this club belongs to the members as a whole and the majority will rule. The direction this club takes is up to you**

I also discussed Linking repeaters, This would give us more coverage and hopefully encourage more people to use their radios.

Under the member building idea, we have the TARC 1 asset that only see's the light of day on Field Day. I proposed that we update TARC 1 and use it more in such things as parades, rocket launches, and such. Here is my idea of an update.







We want new members and younger members. We are competing against cell phones, I-pads, laptops. The younger people are use to display screens, and visual input, so lets cash in on that and see if we can encourage it. I have had a lot of great input on this and people wanting to be involved with helping to put this together.

#### Education

Our club has people to do the testing to get and upgrade your license, but no classes to teach. I understand that years ago we did teach class but again as the membership ages things are let go as we have other uses for our time.

We could also do club education, having small and large projects , such as learning about the Raspberry pi that

we plan to use extensively should we go ahead with the TARC 1 update. We could do antenna building projects, many of you have done this others have not. Building a Balun would be another project. Anything you can think of. Again member involvement, member participation.

This is a lot of information and hard to digest given verbally at the meeting. These are my top priority ideas and if you have more please let me know, or if you disagree with how we are to proceed let it be known. This is all up for discussion and to be voted on.

As President I have my own way of doing things. I hate to use the word CHANGE because everyone is afraid of change. I am not Jan and Sherry and even if I tried I would not be able to do things the same way they did. So things will be a little DIFFERENT than your used to and my hope is to continue and grow the club. I have ideas good and bad and I can't make everyone happy all of the time, but hope to have a little something for everyone.

73's see you all next month.

Tom KN4GLO



## Minutes of the January 2022 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7PM. The pledge and introductions were made.

Jan and Sherry Ferguson were voted on for and approved for Life Membership for their years of hard work and dedication to the club.

Tom welcomed everyone and then talked about all the things we would like to do and get done in the coming years.

Information on Mims tower and what has been done and what we still have left to do. Paul showed what guy wires will be attached to, the brackets that he built. Also putting a window air conditioning unit in and the new repeater.

It was brought that we need to take an inventory of club equipment so that we know what we have and where its at.

We talked about things we would like to do to the TARC trailer to help bring in more interest, especially the younger people.

We also brought up doing more education, having classes on all levels of ham radio.

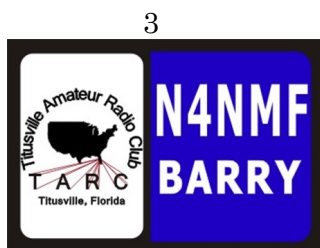
Overall a very informative meeting.

Next Meeting is February 22.

Secretary: Sally Fuller KN4HPX

## Name Tags

Barry Kennedy  
N4NMF is taking  
orders for name  
tags. These are  
very nice and come  
in several different  
designs.  
Contact Barry at  
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## Notes from the Editor

This seems a little self serving at this point and will probably discontinue, (Notes from the Editor) or unless maybe we can get some more member participation and someone else take over the news letter and they can do Note from the Editor. I would gladly send that person a “Notes from the Presidents desk” each month.

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